6. Guildford Road, S. London
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My Dear Garrison

I pray I entreat you my apparent neglect of your very interesting & kind letter of the 24th ultimo. Believe me, I have been as much mortified as you must have been disappointed.

Soon after your letter arrived, and while I was meditating my answer, the promissory disappeared, and with it was lost, also, my recollection of your address in Paris

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My searches after the letter were many and long, but were entirely fruitless. Yesterday, however, I discovered it between the leaves of a book I had been reading, & had restored to its shelf. I very much regret you were kept so long without a line from me.

Last evening, Mr. Chesson came to me with yours to him. F. W. C. will I expect write you to day. I will see to it that lodging are ready for you, Fanny and Frankie, and will send you the address of them as soon as they are secured

Tell me, if you should be able, the portable time of your arrival in London on the 15th and I will meet you. You must come to the Charing Cross Station near which your apartments will be taken.

I have been extremely hard at work from the moment I reached home. I have had to arrange every thing from the bottom to the top of the house. I have had to clean, and find places for all my books - to hang pictures - for furniture; in fact to be factotum & man of all work.

The effect of our recent bereavement upon Mrs Thompson has been, greatly to impair her health, and render her excessively nervous and dejected. Her suffering condition has imposed new duties & responsibilities upon me, and my continued presence at home has, thus far, been absolutely necessary At length, our home is in tolerable order, and we may venture to see a friend; & long to welcome beneath its roof you and yours. I have been for some days very unwell, but hope to meet you with my health improved by rest. I will write you again tomorrow

With affectionate regards